Amendments to the Abstract:

~~A third party service provider can provide data, management, and configuration services to a plurality of unrelated entities. The services are separated from the management and configuration aspect, and a system of trust is arranged to avoid the unrelated parties affecting one another.~~ A method of providing services from a service provider to a plurality of independent entities, includes defining a predetermined one way trust relationship, separating first services wherein the relationship runs from the service provider to the serviced entity from second services wherein the relationship runs from the serviced entity to the service provider, thus preventing transitive trust. Preferably, the second services do not trust the first services.